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**OBEY ANNOUNCES FEDERAL GRANT
TO HELP IMPROVE CHIPPEWA VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) announced today that the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport is set to receive over \$3 million in federal grant money to help continue ongoing terminal improvements, including relocation of the taxiway.

"There is growing demand for business aviation in north central Wisconsin and our airports need to improve their facilities and service to keep up with that demand," said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriation Committee. "These funds are intended to help Chippewa Valley Regional Airport make necessary improvements and hopefully spur economic development for the entire community."

Local companies like 3M, Bloomer Plastics, Cray, Extrusion Dies, Menards Inc., National Presto Industries, PDM Bridge, Phillips Plastics, Pliant Corp., Raytheon, Silicon Graphics, St. Joseph's Hospital, Turbine Technologies, Zinpro, and many others, rely on the airport for their transportation needs.

In addition to the \$3,136,998 grant being released by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Obey has secured over \$3 million over the last two years for the project. The entire terminal improvement project, 3 phases, is expected to cost about \$9.6 million and be complete in 2010.

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